

NOT A PAUPER THERE.

Every Man in Serbia Has Some Sort of Freehold Property.

ITS PAST AND PRESENT RULERS.

Wong Chin Foo's Novel Recipe for the Prevention of Suicide.

PITTSBURG AT THIS YEAR'S SALON

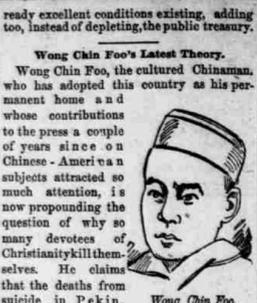
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Long ago, Serbia, the "Iron Gate of the Danube," as it is called, was a great power in Southeastern Europe. It defied the Greeks in the zenith of their strength, but was compelled to give way before the Turkish horde that swept across the continent in the fourteenth century. Serbian history is then a blank until the beginning of the present century, when, under a peasant leader, named George Petrovitch, the country was regained to the Slavs and formed into a State; Petrovitch, "Kara," or "Black George," as he was variously termed, being the President or Hospodar. His government was not a success, and after a period of turbulence, Milosh Obrenovitch assumed control as king and founder of the present dynasty.

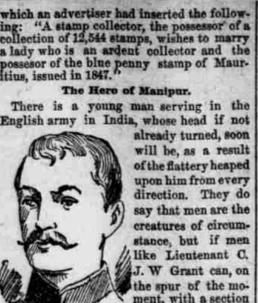
The first Obrenovitch was a worthy progenitor of a family whose history since he came into power has been made up of a series of intrigues, murders and impositions on the people. The present monarch is the fifth of the family, and promises to carry out their characteristics to the full extent. Nevertheless, little King Alexander is probably the most picturesque figure in European politics to-day. He is 34 years of age, inherits all the good looks which made his mother celebrated, and, if reports be true, all the contemptible traits which made his father famous. He could hardly be otherwise, since from his earliest infancy he has been accustomed to witness the ever-constant and distressing quarrels between his parents, from whom he is now separated. Serbia has not the brightest outlook, so far as its ruling powers are concerned. Ex-King Milan was an inglorious failure, and Alexander promises to follow in his footsteps.

Not a Pauper in All Serbia. The opinion is generally held that there is nothing entirely perfect in existence. The opinion holds good in Serbia's case. It has had more trouble with its reigning princes during this century than almost all the other European countries combined, and yet—though the fact is not generally known—it is one of the best countries in the world, at least so far as the condition of its lower classes is concerned. Just think of it! At the last census (estimated in 1890) the total population was given at 2,096,043, of which not a single one was a pauper. There is no such thing as a workhouse in the country. The inhabitants are thrifty, their tastes run usually to agricultural pursuits, and even the poorest have some sort of freehold property. It is certainly a pity that a country with its opportunities should be virtually bankrupt and ruined through its worthless princes. Instead of "Black Georges" and "Milans" it should have men at the wheel who would still further develop the already excellent conditions existing, adding too, instead of depleting, the public treasury.

Wong Chin Foo's Latest Theory. Wong Chin Foo, the cultured Chinaman, who has adopted this country as his permanent home and whose contributions to the press a couple of years since on Chinese-American subjects attracted so much attention, is now propounding the question of why so many devotees of Christianity kill themselves. He claims that the deaths from suicide in Pekin, China, where the population is nearly five times that of New York and Brooklyn combined, does not amount to as many in a year as those of New York in a week. Wong Chin Foo blames it on our marriage laws, which in his estimation are too lax in some respects and too strict in others. Either way the conditions are such as to encourage unhappiness and, in consequence, increase the suicides. He also makes a suggestion, which it is hardly necessary to say will not meet with general favor in this country. It is that a law be enacted to take the place of that granting divorces, allowing a man when his wife becomes too old or is an unbecoming mate to marry another, but not on the same basis as the first. By some species of reasoning, not exactly clear, he asserts that this will act as a preventive of self-destruction, while it will have the effect of providing for the excess of females in this country. I commend the above suggestion to the consideration of our American wives, who may possibly hold slightly different opinions, with the information that Wong Chin Foo is an intelligent and highly educated man who is not in the habit of talking absolute nonsense. If I remember correctly, he was at Harvard or one of the leading colleges for several years. When he was graduated, instead of returning to China, as was his original intention, he decided to make the United States his home. Soon after a series of newspaper articles on American institutions attracted such wide-spread attention over his signature that his opinion was generally sought on many different subjects, but, identifying himself with the Theosophists, who exploded their little boomlet about that time, he gradually dropped out of sight. He is a brilliant fellow, and his opinion, whether in accord with the Theosophists, or always worthy of attention and consideration. Globe Trotters of the Future. Year by year far-off countries draw closer to us, not in actual distance, but in time to reach them. Fifty years ago it required weeks to make the trip between Europe and this country, where now the distance can be covered in as many days. Japan, the domain of the Mikado, which required many months of wearisome traveling, is now within two weeks of the eastern portions of the United States. The steamer Empress of Japan a few weeks since made the run between Yokohama and British Columbia, a distance of 8,000 miles, in 11 days. If this development of rapid transit continues, a trip around the world can be made in the same time which the geographers of 20 years ago conceded a bird could make the distance, while the performances of the Misses Bly and Bisland and George Francis Train will be laughed at. Hobbies and Insanity. It is remarkable to what lengths some persons will carry a "fad" or hobby, and the scientist who intimated the belief that they who go to such extremes on certain subjects are in some respects lunatics, was probably not far wrong. One of the best arguments in favor of this assertion I noticed during the past week in a French newspaper, in



Wong Chin Foo.



Lieutenant Grant.

which an advertiser had inserted the following: "A stamp collector, the possessor of a collection of 12,544 stamps, wishes to marry a lady who is an ardent collector and the possessor of the blue penny stamp of Mauritius, issued in 1847."

The Hero of Manipur. There is a young man serving in the English army in India, whose head if not already turned, soon will be, as a result of the flattery heaped upon him from every direction. They do say that men are the creatures of circumstance, but if men like Lieutenant C. J. W. Grant can, on the spur of the moment, with a section of an ordinary regiment of soldiers take a fortress garrisoned by 60 men to every 1 in the attacking party, then the saying must be reversed, at least in this case. Circumstance be considered the creature of men. It seems almost impossible to realize that a force of 130 could defeat 8,000, and yet those are the exact figures for the Lieutenant Grant made at Thobal in the Manipur district. It is a pleasure to add that his valuable services are already in process of recognition. Within the week he has been officially gazetted as major and the Queen of England will bestow the order of the Victoria Cross upon him.

A Highly Coveted Honor. The Victoria Cross is one of the most coveted honors in the gift of the English Government. As we would naturally be conjectured it is of recent origin, dating, in fact, from the year 1856, when the present Queen and War Office together fixed upon this decoration as a reward for bravery in the army and navy. Up to that time the British nation had been exceedingly lax in its recognition of its defenders' services, but the institution of this order gave every man, be he officer or private, an opportunity to win lasting distinction.

The emblem is a simple affair, consisting of a Maltese cross, pendant from a red ribbon worn by a soldier, and from a blue by a sailor. In the center of the cross is the royal crest and a scroll bearing the words: "For Valour." The recipient is also entitled to a pension of £20 for life.

Greece Is Derelict. Anent the recent troubles of the Hebrews at Corfu, it is worthy of note that the Greek Government is not living up to its obligations, in not interfering to protect these people from persecution. According to their Constitution, adopted in 1864, complete toleration, liberty of worship and general protection was guaranteed all sects.

Pittsburg Artists Abroad. Seventy-seven American painters are exhibiting in this year's salon in the Palace de l'Industrie, Champs Elysees, Paris. As a matter of course, New York has the largest representation, with Boston, Philadelphia and Cincinnati following in the order named, but a long distance in the rear. Pittsburg has a grand total of one, an honor it shares with many others, including Allentown, Rayana, and even Waukesha, with Shalersville and Walton's Tiptoe yet to be heard from. In this connection it is surprising to note the progress that California is making in art matters. At this exhibition it stands fifth so far as State representation in favor of this country is concerned.

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INDIANS IN FULL DRESS.

A Single Suit Was Sufficient to Equip a Half Dozen Savages. A group of half a dozen Indians especially attracted my attention, says Dr. C. B. Gillespie, writing in the Century of a Sunday spent in Coloma, Cal. They were strutting about in all the glory of newly acquired habiliments; but with this distinction—that one suit of clothes was sufficient to dress the whole crowd. The largest and best looking Indian had appropriated the hat and boots, and without other apparel walked about as proudly as any city clerk. Another was lost in an immense pair of pantaloons. A third sported nothing but a white shirt with ruffled bosom. A fourth flaunted a blue, swallow-tailed coat, bespangled with immense brass buttons. A fifth was decked with a flashy vest, while the sixth had nothing but a red bandana, which was carefully wrapped around his neck. Thus what would scarcely serve one white man, just as effectually accommodated six Indians.

WHAT'S IN A SONG!

A Poet's Answer to a Lazy Dervish of Whom He Begged Alms. The Century. A dervish, lazy and hungry, met a Sufi poet, and he begged of him alms; but the son of songs and the father of sayings said: "I have only the wisdom of God, the advice of the dead, and the songs of men." "Will a song fill my paunch?" cried the other. To whom made answer the poet: "Sing a song of sixpence, and that will fill your pocket with rye; and scatter the rye, and that will fetch silly blackbirds to make for you a pie—just as any girl will cook it." "Thanks," said the man.

LETTERS ON A TOMSTONE.

No Reason for the Afo Resisted About the Society on Webster's Headstone. New Orleans Pleasants. A correspondent has been saying recently that the only inscription on the simple headstone over Daniel Webster's grave in a little churchyard at Marshfield, Mass., is the name "Daniel Webster." As a matter of fact nothing more could be said to any good purpose. The small man who may need and have square yards of marble slabs covered with cold-chilled epitaphy. No such tariff is needed or would be appropriate for the great man.

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How He Managed to Tie Up the Legs of a Fly He Had Captured. Nature's Realm. On a bright summer afternoon last season I observed a fly suddenly stop, flutter and struggle, apparently in mid air. This was soon explained by a little black and brown spider, a shade larger than the fly, darting down from a beam overhead, perpendicularly above the fly. Reaching the latter he was but a moment in doing whatever he did to secure his prey, and he then ran nimbly up his single cord, which I found, although it was scarcely perceptible, stretched taut from the beam above to a cross rail of fancy work below. The spider ascended about 18 inches above the fly, then quickly turned head downward, taking hold of the line with his forelegs, as a child would a jumping rope, and with a swaying motion the then struggling fly began to be swung around something like a button would be in the center of a string held by both hands and rapidly turned by a circular motion. The speed was so rapid that by the time it had reached a circuit of about four inches in diameter the fly could scarcely be discerned. In about a minute its operation ceased and the fly was quiet. I then found on examination that the fly was still alive, and I felt moved to try if I could secure its freedom. Taking it carefully from the web line—no doubt to the chagrin of the spider—I found under the magnifying glass that every leg was closely tied together in the same manner as farmers formerly tied the feet of calves together when taking them to market in the bottom of their wagons. Taking a needle, I tried to release the legs; but the work of the spider was too well done, and the fly soon expired.

IMPORTED ITALIANS DRIVEN AWAY.

Fearing a Mob of Strikers, They Are Taken to a Place of Safety. BISMARCK, N. D., May 30.—The striking Swedish and Russian laborers of the Union Pacific Railroad are very angry over the importation of a gang of Italians from St. Paul to take their places, and late last night threatened to mob them. The Northern Pacific Company became apprehensive of serious trouble, and at a late hour sent the Italians post haste to Mandan, a neighboring railroad town five miles distant. The train was followed out of the city by the hooting mob. Sympathy here is wholly with the strikers.

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